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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: John F. Blake
Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT: Security Committee Organization and
Staffing. (C)

Sir:

1. (C) In anticipation of your 14 March 1978 appearance before NFIB, let me present an outline of tentative planning regarding the DCI Security Committee which you have already determined will operate in the future under the cognizance of the "Deputy to the DCI for Support." The preliminary thinking has been heavily influenced by two underlying convictions: (1) with the dedication of adequate resources together with proper commitment and application, much more can be accomplished in security on a Community level than in the past; and (2) while the Agency's Office of Security will contribute heavily, in manpower and expertise, to the effort, the staff support to the Security Committee should be concentrated in a discretely separate entity reporting to the D/DCI/Support side of my Office.

2. (C) It is proposed that such a unit be organized as the "Community Security Group" (CSG) and be headed by an Office of Security supergrade who will also act as the Executive Secretary of the Security Committee. It is further proposed that CSG feature (as shown in attached chart) a three-branch breakdown with functions as indicated. A total staffing complement of nine professional officers is anticipated, seven to be drawn from the Office of Security and two coming from elsewhere in the Community to serve as Branch Chiefs, i.e., C/Facilities Security Branch and C/Personnel and Industrial Security Branch. (The two Branch Chiefs from the Community should be at least GS-15 level officers or O-6.) It is assumed these two posts would be filled by calling for nominations from the other Community agencies.

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3. (C) The role of the Director of Security, CIA, is recognized as vital in the overall plan. He would act as Chairman of the Security Committee. In his absence, the SECOM meetings would be run by a Vice Chairman - the senior ranking officer on the Committee. The Director of Security will draw his staff support from the CSG to which he in turn will provide technical guidance and professional advice. Under this concept of a revitalized Security Committee, the participating agencies will be expected to name their most senior security officers their members. These officers will be expected to actively participate in SECOM meetings and activities.

4. (C) The planning projects, perhaps for the first time, a truly concerted attack on policy and implementation discrepancies between the agencies in all the major security dimensions. At the same time, the plan allows for the continuance, at least for a time, of the current subcommittee structure of SECOM. This is predicated on the belief that the Community Security Group can prod these subcommittees to significantly greater accomplishments.

5. (C) Finally, establishment of the CSG will not require any new positions. It will involve transfer of the [redacted] currently constituting the Security Committee Staff under the IC Staff from [redacted] T/O to mine. To these I will add [redacted] positions from the current DDA ceiling.

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